

Applic. No. 10/791,549

Amdt. dated November 10, 2004

Reply to Office action of August 10, 2004

Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-16 remain in the application. Claims 1-15 have been amended.

In the second paragraph on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 1, 8, and 15 have been objected to because of the following informalities.

More specifically, the Examiner has stated that detent 6 is disposed on a wall 5. claims 1, 8, and 15 have been amended so as to further clarify the claim and the detent is connected to the inner side of the first wall. Therefore, the objection to claims 1, 8, and 15 by the Examiner is believed to have been overcome.

Should the Examiner find any further objectionable items, counsel would appreciate a telephone call during which the matter may be resolved. The above-noted changes to the claims are provided solely for cosmetic or clarificatory reasons. The changes are not provided for overcoming the prior art nor for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

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In the second paragraph on page 3 of the Office action, claims 1-16 have been rejected as being fully anticipated by Took (U.S. Patent No. 6,155,741) under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

The rejection has been noted and the claims have been amended in an effort to even more clearly define the invention of the instant application. The claims are patentable for the reasons set forth below. Support for the changes is found in Fig. 4 of the instant application.

Before discussing the prior art in detail, it is believed that a brief review of the invention as claimed, would be helpful.

Claims 1, 8, and 15 call for, *inter alia*:

a plurality of connection devices each disposed in the first body for exerting the force on a respective one of the detent bosses.

The Took reference discloses a collet (22) that fits into a bore (14) of a rail (12). The rail (12) has apertures (38). The collet is U-shaped and has two legs (28 and 30) extending from a common base section (32). The legs (28 and 30) have projections (36) that engage the apertures (28). A bolt (20)

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is screwed into the base section (32) and pushes the legs (28 and 30) apart.

The reference does not show a plurality of connection devices each disposed in the first body for exerting the force on a respective one of the detent bosses, as recited in claims 1, 8, and 15 of the instant application. The Took reference discloses a collet that has two legs disposed so that one screw inserted between the legs forces the legs apart. Took does not disclose a plurality of screws disposed in the collet for pushing the legs apart. This is contrary to the invention of the instant application as claimed, in which a plurality of connection devices each disposed in the first body exert the force on a respective one of the detent bosses.

Since claims 1, 8, and 15 are believed to be allowable, dependent claims 2-7, 9-14, and 16 are believed to be allowable as well.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claims 1, 8, or 15. Claims 1, 8, and 15 are, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art and since all of the dependent claims are ultimately

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dependent on claims 1, 8, or 15, they are believed to be patentable as well.

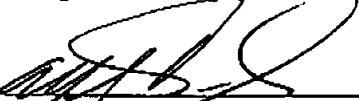
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-16 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner & Greenberg P.A., No. 12-1099.

Respectfully submitted,



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